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## *Mandan Man Sentenced for Firearms Charges*

**BISMARCK** - United States Attorney Drew H. Wrigley announced that on August 23, 2007, **Tony J. Zenker**, 25, of Mandan, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Chief Judge Daniel L. Hovland on two charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. **Zenker** pleaded guilty to the charges on June 4, 2007.

**Zenker** possessed firearms in Dunn County, ND, on September 16, 2006, and in Morton County, ND, on January 10, 2007, although his prior felony record prevented him from possessing firearms. In the Dunn County incident, **Zenker** possessed a .22 caliber rifle, which was used by another person to shoot and kill a rancher's heifer calf near Halliday, ND. Four months later, **Zenker** again illegally possessed a firearm when he pawned another person's rifle at First National Pawn, Mandan, without the owner's permission.

Judge Hovland sentenced **Zenker** to serve three years and four months in federal prison to be followed by two years of supervised release. **Zenker** was ordered to pay restitution of \$85 to First National Pawn of Mandan and to pay a \$200 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Dunn County Sheriff's Department, North Dakota Game & Fish Department, North Dakota Parole and Probation, North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and the Mandan Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorney Scott Schneider prosecuted the case.